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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Philip Adams, D.O.B. 11/3/57, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 6 months in prison for embezzling mail while working for the United States Postal Service. Adams pleaded guilty to this charge on August 24, 2005.

In November 2004, Adams was a clerk with the United States Postal Service in Madison. On November 29, 2004, the United States Postal Inspection Service conducted surveillance of Adams at his work station. Postal Inspectors videotaped the defendant opening various pieces of mail, removing the contents, and either discarding the mail or stealing it. At sentencing Judge Shabaz found that Adams was in a position of trust and abused that position for his own personal benefit.

The charges against the defendant were the result of an investigation conducted by United States Postal Inspection Service. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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